

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 840

By Gresham

A RESOLUTION to honor the memory of Patricia Ann "Patty Ann" Alexander Hanna of Selmer.

WHEREAS, the members of this General Assembly were greatly saddened to learn of the passing of Patricia Ann "Patty Ann" Alexander Hanna; and

WHEREAS, Patty Ann Hanna was an exemplary public servant and consummate professional who worked assiduously to improve the quality of life for her fellow citizens in numerous capacities; and

WHEREAS, Mrs. Hanna was born in Jackson on December 4, 1930, to Joe Hollis and Nina Fly Alexander; she was a 1949 graduate of Spring Hill School and furthered her education at West Tennessee Business College; and

WHEREAS, she had a brief but successful career in the Identification Division of the Federal Bureau of Investigation, working from 1951 to 1953 and again from 1955 to 1956; and

WHEREAS, FBI Director J. Edgar Hoover wrote a personal congratulatory letter to Mrs. Hanna at the time of her wedding; and

WHEREAS, Patty Ann Hanna later worked in the Medical Records section of the Jackson Clinic; and

WHEREAS, from 1971 to 1991, Mrs. Hanna served with acumen and alacrity as a service representative for BellSouth, in which position she earned the respect of her peers, superiors, and customers alike for the exemplary quality of her work; and

WHEREAS, while an employee of BellSouth, Mrs. Hanna joined the BellSouth Clown Troupe and also served as the vice president of the group that organized Camp Bluebird, which supported recently diagnosed cancer patients by providing education, support, and encouragement; she was also a life member of the BellSouth/AT&T Pioneers of America organization; and

WHEREAS, a woman of faith, Patty Ann Hanna was an active and devout member of Calvary Baptist Church; she was a member of Spring Hill Baptist Church during her childhood; and

WHEREAS, she was also deeply devoted to her family, and she always endeavored to remain true to family values of the highest order; and

WHEREAS, Patty Ann Hanna enjoyed the loving companionship of Robert P. "Bob" Hanna; the loving couple was married at Petworth Baptist Church in Washington, D.C., on May 3, 1953; and

WHEREAS, she will be fondly remembered by her husband of sixty-four years, Bob Hanna; her daughters, Terry Susan Yancey and Nina Ellen Cooksey; her sons-in-law, Don Yancey and Bill Cooksey; her grandchildren, Travis Robert Harville, Alexander Eugene Chumney, and William Lee Cooksey V; her great-grandchildren, Easton Samuel Harville, Rye Elizabeth Harville, and Desmond Burnside; her sisters-in-law, Beverly S. Andersen and Iva W. Alexander; her nieces and nephews; and a host of friends; and

WHEREAS, in addition to her parents, Mrs. Hanna was preceded in death by her brothers, Franklin Keith Alexander, Lynwood Alexander, and Joe Granville Alexander, and a grandchild, Samuel Robert Chambers; and

WHEREAS, Patty Ann Hanna leaves behind an indelible legacy of integrity and probity in public life, compassion and loyalty in private life, and diligence and dedication in all her chosen endeavors; and

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the members of this General Assembly should pause to remember the bountiful life of this exceptional public servant and human being; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED TENTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, that we honor the memory of Patricia Ann "Patty Ann" Alexander Hanna, reflecting fondly upon her impeccable character and her stalwart commitment to living the examined life with courage and conviction.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that we express our sympathy and offer our condolences to the family of Mrs. Hanna.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.